PBCC EMERITUS FACULTY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

MAY 2007 JOAN YOUNG, EDITOR



Honey Duncan, Janelle Bloodworth, Kathleen Asher, Joan Young and Bill Wilson planning the 2006 holiday party.

Photo courtesy of Joan Young

Message from the President ... Bill Wilson

Our Emeritus Faculty meetings continue to go well—good attendance, food, programs, good fellowship with friends and colleagues. We have also initiated a \$50.00 door prize drawing for a lucky member present. It would be great, however, to see more members attend the meetings. I, for one, would much prefer to see you there rather than by chance in some doctor's office—as I do on occasion!

Our Spring meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 4, 11:00 A.M., Faculty Dining Room, Central Campus. Election of officers will take place. If you would like to enjoy one of those offices, let me know. The positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. (By the way, if you have misplaced your copy of the EFA's Bylaws, a

copy can be obtained from Joan Young, (561) 964-3238 or email: gramdocj@aol.com.)

Our Holiday Party last December at the Atlantis Country Club was well attended and enjoyed by all there. We were in the main dining room attractively adorned with Christmas decor. The wassail bowl was replenished often and well visited, the food terrific as usual. Everyone present received at least a couple of treasures from the gift exchange and the drawings for door prizes, including Dr. Gallon, who graciously took time from his busy schedule to attend.

We keep hoping for at least 50 members and their guests to be at these holiday parties, but we consistently fall short by two or three. So let's do it this year! Mark your

calendar for December 7, 11:00 A.M., Atlantis Country Club. This is always a happy social event and a great event for you and your guests to begin the holiday season in a festive fashion!

As we are all aware, prices for everything keep rising. Other organizations that I belong to have all raised their dues. Atlantis has raised the cost of our Holiday Party. We are, however, keeping our modest dues the same And the Holiday Party will be an even greater bargain for you and me—still at \$20.00 a person. We can do this as long as our membership grows and dues are paid.

We are counting on all of you. See you at the meeting!



The Wellington Seniors On-Stage Theatre Company performed "Come to the Cabaret," a revue of songs, skits, and laughs, conceived, staged, and directed by our own Sunny Meyer on April 17. Sunny and John also joined the "saints . . . marching in" at the Wellington Seniors Club

Mardi Gras-styled party in early

March.



Howard Trager, Regis Wenham, mayor Tom Wenham and Sunny and John Meyer

Frank Adams's news arrived just a couple of days too late for the last newsletter. He and Kathy were in Orlando to welcome their daughter Laura's new son, Daniel, born on Sept. 22. Daniel was born with an undeveloped airway and hearing problems, and Frank asked that we keep that young family in our prayers. He also sent an invitation to all of us to "come on out and sit a spell on our porch." They're located 15 miles off the interstate about 45 minutes north of Atlanta.

Our President Bill Wilson gave a talk on Gertrude Stein to the Seacrest University Women's Association in February. At the end of April he went again to Okeechobee Correctional Institute with the Kairos prison ministry.

Col. Banna I. Ghioto served as grand marshal in the ninth annual Veterans Day parade in Lake Worth last November. Banna led veterans from several wars, baton twirlers, flagwavers, and bands past hundreds of people lining Lake and Lucerne Avenues.

Joan Young spent eight days in Las Vegas in early April. She was joined there by her daughter and daughter-in-law from California, her grand-daughter from Texas, and her sister from Alaska, who returned to Florida with her. Amazingly, Joan also returned with most of the money she had left with!





SYLVIA MEEKER: GENEALOGIST IN OUR MIDST

Since retiring from PBCC my main hobby has been genealogy. At this point I've been able to trace both my birth families and my husband's Meeker ancestors back for many generations. Now I have done all the easy work that is covered by the usual sources of information, and I'm just left with a lot of "brick walls."

Every once in a while I do discover something interesting like the family Bible that once belonged to the brother of my great-great-grandfather which was up for sale on E-Bay in September. I managed to be the high bidder and was delighted to become the owner of the six pages of family marriages, births, and deaths that were listed there. It went all the way back to my 5Xgreat-grandfather, Daniel Van Horn, who was born in Holland before the Revolution.

Now [last fall] I'm having fun tracing the families of John Darcey, Helen's

husband, and John Meyer, Sunny's husband. Both families were easily traced through the U.S. censuses in Wisconsin back to the early 1800s.

If anybody else would like to have me trace their ancestors, just give me the names of your father and mother, their birth dates and locations, and the names of any aunts and uncles that you remember-grandparents' names are helpful, too. Maybe you will discover some amazing things. For John Darcey's family I discovered that his great-grandfather, Dennis Dorsey, was (probably) a gardener on the Hyde Park, NY, estate of James Paulding, who was the Secretary of the Navy under Martin Van Buren. Paulding was also a popular writer in the 1830s and co-author of some works with Washington Irving.

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EXCERPTS FROM THE EFA MEETING OCTOBER 2006

At the meeting on October 27, 2006: "Sunny Meyer introduced Kate Alvarado, Administrative Director of the Cultural Trust of the Palm Beaches, a "corporation dedicated to the development, building, operations and endowment of a viable and diverse arts and cultural community in Western Palm Beach County." Alvarado explained that their goal is to build a world-class center for the visual and performing arts. In the Fall of 2006 work was begun on a Cultural Campus to be built on a 10-acre site adjacent to a 99-acre lake on the grounds of the Wellington Green Complex. The plan is for the campus to eventually include an outdoor entertainment pavilion, a lakeside promnade, sculpture gardens, observatory piers, the founder's tower, a multi-form black box small theater, a conservatory, galleries, and a main

theater with a grand hall. Sunny Meyer is a member of the Program Series Committee for this project."

Also, at the meeting, it was reported that Hugh Albee had had a heart attack, but was recovering well, Paul Graham and Bill Wilson's brother had undergone bypass surgery, Frank Leahy was still weak but in good spirits, Paul Hitchcock was in a nursing home with Alzheimer's disease, and Jesse Ferguson had remarried and moved to Century Village.

Eleanor Myatt announced the publication of her book, Echoes from Yesterday: Candor, New York 1806-2006. The \$50.00 gift certificate door prize was won by Patricia Miller-Shaivitz.

EFA MEMBERSHIP

You'll be receiving an updated list of EFA members' names, addresses, and phone numbers soon.

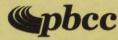
Happily, you will see some names on the list that did not appear on last year's, as we have a few new members.

Sadly, the name of **Mildred Davies** has been dropped. Mildred died on April 22, 2007. Her funeral takes place on April 28.

You will also find that some other names have been dropped — the names of those members whose mail has been returned to us as "undeliverable." If you know anything about the people listed below, please contact Bill Wilson:

John O'Neil, Ray Daugherty, Mavilene Prentice, Winifred Huneke Mildred Schild, Phyllis Leapman

Also, please contact Bill if you discover an error in your listing.



PLEASE SEND US NEWS ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE DOING.



If you have an idea for a good speaker or program for one of our meetings, please contact:

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Don't forget E-mail addresses and cell phones!



Your flowers for Administrative Professionals Day were absolutely beautiful, thanks!

Sue Rathbone

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DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR:

DECEMBER 7, 2007 Holiday Party

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